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Mr. Gopalachari's letter
to the Secretary.

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Mr. Gopalachari
takes objection to the decision
of Govt. that in distributing
for which he prays ~~for~~
that a house should be
acquired and made over,
as of a private one sold
and that consequently
prayer of Govt. He has,
evidently misunderstood
the legal phraseology and
considered a reflection upon
his work that it should be
brought under the
category of private effort. It
is not-likely that a more
explanation of the terms will
give satisfaction.

There are two matters
relating to the Municipal
pending decision of Govt.
1. The acquisition of a

lying between his land
the mandir property.

2. The future management
of the institution.

As regards (1) the extension
is required for certain necessary
purposes of the orphanage and
to provide elbow room for
activities connected with what
is termed Ladies Section which is concerned with
the uplift of Indian women.
The acquisition is expected
to cost about Rs 2500 to Rs 3000
only. There is no doubt that
the additional accommodation
will come in very handy for the
purpose in view.

The question now is
whether the Govt are prepared
to reconsider their decision
that it is not expedient to
put in action the L.A. act
for purpose of acquiring this
property, the B2 Govt having
shown sufficient reasons why
acquisition by private negotiation
is not feasible. I may perhaps
be permitted to mention
that there are precedents for
Govt coming to the relief

of Mysore in the Indian to provide necessary space and a similar action was taken in 1905 in connection with the Srirangam Mandiram Hall. Nonetheless it might be argued that there was not been a valid and binding dedication of the orphanage and Ladies Seminary to the public, yet they are only auxiliary institutions toward the parent institution the Srirangam Mandiram which is admitted by a Mysore [illegible] official to the contrary of the Appellants being by only a manager thereof. It appears to me therefore that it would not be too impracticable to treat all the institutions as one which is exactly what is wanted by the Appellants by reason. The Govt. advocate might consult and if he thinks it necessary that the Appellants should go through certain legal formalities by way of dedicating them to public purposes the Appellants might ask

Auxiliary

Rodo the weight.

As regards letter (2) of Mr Spalding's prayer, his the present and future management of the institution, the scheme he proposes is somewhat unusual and he stipulates that he and his wife must remain the sole managers and present during the life time of both or either of them. I am not sure that Mrs Spalding by herself will be able to manage this somewhat complex institution. It will however be possible to frame rules to assist in the management. Mr S also stipulates that in any scheme of management provision must be made for a resident manager and his wife. This question may be dealt with separately

Circuits, Bangalore

Vijayarangaswami Temple.

The temple is in receipt of

(i) grant from the Mysore Dept.

Rs 16.7-3

(ii) " from the Palace 10-0-0.

Total Rs 26.7-3

The following scale of

Expenditure will be observed.

Establishment	11	0-0
	5	0 0
Miscellaneous	10	7 3

The temple will be managed

subject to the rules of the Mysore

Department under the direction of

Sree Dharmadarsi Shri. A.V.

Gopalacharlu will be the

Manager & the Committee for

the same being

of Amirtsar

of and below 10 years of age

of and below 10 years of age

of and below 18 years of age

of and below 18 years of age

orphanage.

Receipts

Grant from the Muzrai Department 100-0-0. per mensem

~~Collections from the~~ ~~Hundi~~ Department. 20-0-0. per mensem

Income from wet lands in Mirle Village. per annum.

The orphanage will be managed by a mixed Committee of 3 officers and 4 non-official Gentlemen. Mrs A. Gopalacharlu will be the Superintendent of the orphanage during her life-time.

~~The following rules~~ Rules for the management of the orphanage attached to the Srinivasa Mandiram.

1. The income of the orphanage will be utilized solely for the boarding and education of the orphans and for other expenditure connected with the orphanage.

2. The orphanage will be for the benefit of orphans of and below 15 years of age

3 Selection of boys for admission into the orphanage shall rest with the Committee who will also have power to dismiss boys found to be idle and refractory or not making satisfactory progress with their studies.

4. The Committee shall meet once a month or oftener, if necessary, to check the accounts of the institution and do any other business, such as admission of orphans &c. that may come before it.

5. The Committee shall decide what registers and accounts should be maintained. The registers and accounts of the orphanage shall be always accessible for the inspection of Govt officers of the Mysore, Dept Educational, Revenue, and Municipal authorities

6. The Dt medical officer, Bangalore, will be a Visitor of the orphanage He will be competent to advise the Committee

in matters of sanitation etc.,
and will look to the health
of the boarders

Library.

Receipts.

Contribution from the
Edn. Dept. 35-0-0
" from the Municipality 25-0-0.
per annum

The Municipal Council
appears to have resolved that
the Library should work under
the scheme for free Libraries.

The Mandiram people say
that it is a recognized library
which has been in existence for
the last 35 years, that it should
continue under the Mandiram
management and open at fixed
hours to the ladies also and the
orphanage and to the other devotees
that come to visit the temple.

The matter has been
discussed with the D. G. of
Education and the Hon. President
of the City Municipal Council

Ladies Section.

In the course of a long discussion it was pointed out by Mrs A. Topala Charlu how virtuous and expedient an outside control would be, who admitted the force of the arguments & consented to manage the concerns of this branch of activity by a committee of ladies themselves, accommodation, however, being provided in the Mandiram premises

A brief note on Srinivasa Mandiram and its immediate requirements.

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Now that Janopakari Mr. A. Gopalacharlu to whom the Srinivasa Mandiram owed so largely for its development and management has passed away, the question that calls immediately for consideration is the settlement of a scheme of management which will suit the complex concerns of the institution.

The activities of the Srinivasa Mandiram fall under the following four classes.

1. The temple of Srinivasa or Byatarayaswamy which had originally a cash grant of Rs.1-7-3 which in 1906 was raised to Rs 16-7-3. This is a Muzrai institution subject to the control of the District Muzrai Officers.

2. <u>The Orphanage.</u> This has no independent legal status. Started originally as a subsidiary activity of the temple, it has still retained this indefinite status, though it is in the enjoyment of 10 acres of wet land under the Mirle channel granted by Government a grant of Rs.50 per mensem temporarily

raised to Rs.100 a month for a period of 5 years from the Muzrai Budget and Rs.20 per month from the Educational Budget for giving a vocational training to the orphans. In addition, a contribution of Rs.500 was made from State Funds for the construction of the orphanage building. From time to time the Government had been pressing the late Mr. Gopalacharlu to place the institution on an organized basis with a Committee of management and a regular set of rules. This is still to be done.

3. The Free Library and Reading Room. This is also a subsidiary activity without any separate standing of its own and towards its maintenance a contribution of Rs.~~25~~ 35/- from the Educational Budget and Rs.25 from the Municipal Budget is being received.

4. Ladies Section. Started for the advancement of Indian women it appears to be maintained by private contributions from lady members who meet at set intervals for lectures and discussions on subjects of moral or religious interest and occasional-ly to consider questions of public interest.

Though these activities are somewhat heterogenous, they are to a large extent supported by public grants in one shape or another of the aggregate value of about Rs.2500 a year. The time has now arrived when the whole institution and its subsidiaries should be placed on a proper business basis. With this object in view, the Mazrai Superintendent has been directed to submit a scheme of management in consultation with the Honorary President, Bangalore City Municipality, Inspector General of Education and Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore.

Government Order No.707-12/Muz. 153-16-2 dated 14th September 1916.

5 The late Mr. Gopalacharlu has himself submitted two differing proposals for the constitution of the Committee once during his illness last year and the other some time ago and has mentioned certain general conditions under which the institutions should be worked. I have also had some personal discussions with him on the subject but nothing definite by way of a scheme could be evolved as he was too keen on the point of working all the activities together under a single agency.

6 Personally it appears to me that this would be difficult and that the best solution is to separate the temple from the orphanage, the former being worked under the Mussai Rules and Regulations

with a Board of Dharmadarsis while the latter should have a strong Committee at its head and a set of rules to guide in its management. The work of both these institutions may be interlinked by having on the two bodies the same set of men to a specified extent. As regards the Free Reading Room and Library, it may go with the orphanage or worked as a separate institution under the Education Department or Economic Conference. The Ladies' Section will have obviously to be separated from the temple or orphanage and handed over to the management of the ladies themselves.

7 Final proposals will be submitted by me soon after the Asarah. In the meanwhile, the institutions may continue to be run on the existing basis by Mrs. Gopalacharlu, assisted by her brother Mr. Seshacharlu. In this connection, I may state that a decent place will be provided to the former as Superintendent of the orphanage and manager of the temple for her life time as a mark of appreciation of the work of Mr. Gopalacharlu. I do not know much about the antecedents or qualification of Mr. Seshacharlu but from the little I have heard about him, he does not appear to be a fit person to be placed in sole charge of the institutions with or without the co-adjutorship of his sister.